

# MILLER GENERAL HOSPITAL

Greenwich.

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## ROYAL OPENING OF THE NEW EXTENSIONS



by Her Royal Highness  
The Duchess of York.

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Tuesday, 14th May, 1929, at 3 o'clock.



# Programme of Music

to be performed by

## The Band of the Royal Regiment of Artillery

(By kind permission of the Officers, Royal Artillery).

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Conductor - Captain E. C. STRETTON, M.V.O.,

*Director of Music, R.A.*

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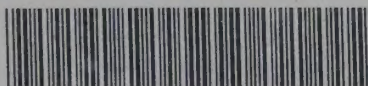
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| 1. Marche Militaire                    | .. .. .                          | <i>Schubert</i>        |
| 2. Suite de Ballet                     | .. "Vive la Danse" ..            | <i>Finck</i>           |
| 3. Selection..                         | .. "Tannhäuser" ..               | <i>Wagner</i>          |
| 4. Intermezzo                          | .. "The Glow Worm" ..            | <i>Seide</i>           |
| 5. Entr'acte from the Opera "Goyescas" | .. .. .                          | <i>Granados</i>        |
| 6. The Grasshopper's Dance             | .. .. .                          | <i>Bucalossi</i>       |
| 7. Suite                               | .. "Songs of the Hebrides" ..    | <i>Kennedy Fraser</i>  |
| 8. Selection..                         | .. "Die Fledermaus" ..           | <i>Johann Strauss</i>  |
| 9. La Fête de Cendrillon               | .. .. .                          | <i>Dicker</i>          |
| 10. Selection..                        | .. "Iolanthe" ..                 | <i>Sullivan</i>        |
| 11. Suite Espagnol ..                  | "La Bailarina" ..                | <i>Marcel Colin</i>    |
| 12. Waltz from "Der Rosenkavalier"     | .. .. .                          | <i>Richard Strauss</i> |
| 13. Selection..                        | .. "Virginia" ..                 | <i>Waller</i>          |
| 14. Finale                             | .. "La Belle au Bois Dormant" .. | <i>Tchaikovsky</i>     |

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## ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS.

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GUARDS of Honour will be formed by boys of the Royal Hospital School, with their band, and by some of the nursing staff of the Hospital.

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Upon alighting from her car Her Royal Highness will be welcomed to the Borough by the Worshipful the Mayor of Greenwich (R. F. A. Purkiss, Esq., J.P.) and the Band of the Royal Hospital School will play the National Anthem.

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Her Royal Highness will then be received in the entrance hall by the Rt. Hon. Lord Queenborough, President of the Hospital, and by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Southwark, when the following will be presented :—

The Chairman of the Hospital (Mr. John H. Robinson) ; Sir Ion Hamilton Benn (the Honorary Treasurer of the Hospital) and Lady Benn ; the Vice-Chairmen of the Hospital (Sir Charles Stone, J.P., and Mr. John East, J.P.) ; the Mayors and Mayoresses of Deptford and Woolwich ; Mr. James McDougall (Chairman of the Appeal Committee) and Mrs. McDougall ; Lady Essex French, O.B.E. (Chairman of the Nursing Committee) ; Dr. Harold Pritchard (the Senior Physician) ; Mr. Hugh Davies (the Senior Surgeon) ; the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Woolwich (a Vice-President) and Mrs. Hough ; Mr. Sam Baer (a Vice-President) and Mrs. Baer ; Mrs. Charles Norfolk (a Vice-President) ; the Hon. Mrs. Wilson-Filmer (a Vice-President) ; the Rt. Hon. C. W. Bowerman, J.P. ; Sir George H. Hume, J.P., L.C.C. ; Sir Percy and Lady Shepherd ; Mr. Charles Smithem (a Trustee of the Shepherd Trust) and Mrs. Smithem ; Mr. William A. Pite, of Messrs. Pite, Son & Fairweather, the Architects, and Mr. Harold Arnold of the Firm of Messrs. Harold Arnold & Son, Ltd., the Contractors.

Her Royal Highness will then be conducted to the Pavilion where a basket of flowers will be presented to her by Miss Pauline Winn, a grand-daughter of Lord Queenborough.



### **Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Southwark.**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray for God's blessing on this Hospital.

O Almighty God, bless, we beseech Thee, all that is done within this Hospital for the relief of the sick and suffering; cheer and help those in pain and weakness, and, if it be Thy will, restore them to health and strength; grant to all who labour here wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience, and make them ever ready to serve Thee in the spirit of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing of the New Wing and the Nurses' Home.

O Almighty and everlasting God, who hast for ever gladdened the world by the Incarnation of Thy dear Son, we beseech Thee to bless with the light of Thy perpetual Presence these new wards and this Nurses' Home, which we dedicate in Thy name.

May Thy Holy Angels watch over this Hospital by day and by night, and keep all within its walls safe both in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed by thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Blessing.

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The President (The Right Hon. Lord Queenborough) will read an Address of Welcome, of which the following is a copy:—

*To Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York.*

Will Your Royal Highness allow me, on behalf of the Board of Management of this Hospital, of the patients in it, and indeed of the whole area which it serves, including particularly the Boroughs of Deptford, Greenwich, Lewisham, and Woolwich to thank you for the honour which you render us all in coming here to open the New Extensions and the Nurses' Home of this long-established Institution, the Miller General Hospital. We further deeply appreciate your kindness in consenting to unveil the tablets within it, which record that part of the War Memorials of the Boroughs of Deptford and Greenwich are included in the Extensions.

It may interest Your Royal Highness to know that this Hospital has a history that goes back for 146 years. Its present growth, however, is comparatively recent. It was because of the growing demands made upon us by the growth of population in South East London, and because of our long waiting list of patients, that we of the Board had the courage to build these large additions. In so doing I should like to mention that we had every encouragement from King Edward's Hospital Fund—that presiding good genius of all London hospitals.

But these demands upon the Miller Hospital do not come from the Thames-side areas and adjacent boroughs only. We get large numbers of street accidents, involving patients from all the Home counties. But more especially is the pressure upon us growing with the building up of the whole South Eastern district of London, between the Thames and the Kentish Hills, which is now one of the City's chief dormitories. Thus our patients are drawn not only from the older industrial districts bordering the Thames, but from these outer City workers.



We find that the better the Hospital does its work, the heavier each year that work becomes. There is no Staff in any hospital more loyal and more efficient, and it is largely this which contributes so much to our universal, and at times almost embarrassing, popularity.

This Hospital is also a recognised Training School for Nurses, and the new Buildings which Your Royal Highness now opens will provide for their proper care and comfort.

The connection of the Royal Family with this Hospital is of long standing. We recall with pride that Queen Victoria, at the request of the Duke of Wellington, became its first Patroness in the same year that she ascended the Throne. Our next Patroness, Her Royal Highness The Princess Louise, graciously opened the last extensions made to the Hospital in 1912. I need not dwell here upon how greatly we have rejoiced at the continued convalescence of our present Patron, His Majesty The King. That our feeling is shared by every one of his subjects is shown by the tributes now flowing in to the Thanks-giving Fund.

It is because this visit shows Your Royal Highness's sympathy with our work and with our difficulties, and even more because of our personal admiration and regard, that everyone rejoices to see you here to-day.

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Mr. John H. Robinson, the Chairman of the Hospital, will speak.

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Dr. Harold Pritchard, F.R.C.P., the Senior Physician, will speak.

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Her Royal Highness will receive "Purses."

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The names of the donors to Her Royal Highness's list will be presented to Her Royal Highness by Mr. James McDougall, the Chairman of the Appeal Committee, who will express thanks to those who have subscribed to the Extension Fund on this and on previous occasions.

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Her Royal Highness will declare the Extensions open.

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Her Royal Highness will leave the Pavilion and proceed to the main corridor to unveil the Greenwich War Memorial tablet.

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*NOTE.—Visitors are asked kindly to remain in their seats during the unveiling of the Greenwich and Deptford War Memorial tablets, and while Her Royal Highness is inspecting the new wards. During this time the band will continue their programme of music, and as soon as Her Royal Highness has gone over to the Nurses' Home an announcement will be made from the platform that visitors may inspect the Hospital.*

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*Tea will then be served from a buffet table in the nurses' dining-room which adjoins the new main kitchen, but those who desire to visit the wards should do so before taking tea as the wards must be closed at about 5.15.*



The Greenwich War Memorial tablet bears the following inscription :—

In glorious and grateful memory of the Men of the Borough of Greenwich who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1918, a large sum of money was subscribed in response to an appeal during the Mayoralty of Sir Charles Stone, J.P., to be devoted (after providing for the erection of the War Memorial on Blackheath) to the purposes of Hospitals in the Borough. The money given and allocated to this Hospital has been applied towards the erection of this Ward Block.

FREDERICK J. SIMPSON, Town Clerk.  
JOHN EAST, J.P., Hon. Treasurer.

Her Royal Highness will then inspect the three new wards—"Morris," "Shepherd," and "The Children's."

At the entrance to the Shepherd Ward, Sir Percy Shepherd and Mr. Charles Smithem (two of the Trustees of the Shepherd Trust) will formally receive Her Royal Highness. The Trustees have given £10,000 towards the cost of the Ward.

At the entrance to the Children's ward on the top floor Her Royal Highness will unveil the Deptford War Memorial tablet, which bears the following inscription :—

**BOROUGH OF DEPTFORD WAR MEMORIAL  
CHILDREN'S WARD.**

As a tribute to the memory of her gallant citizens who fell in the Great War 1914-1918, the inhabitants of the Borough of Deptford have subscribed a sum of £5,000 raised during the Mayoralty of Lt.-Col. Alderman Sir William Wayland as the initial contribution towards the erection and equipment of this Children's Ward.

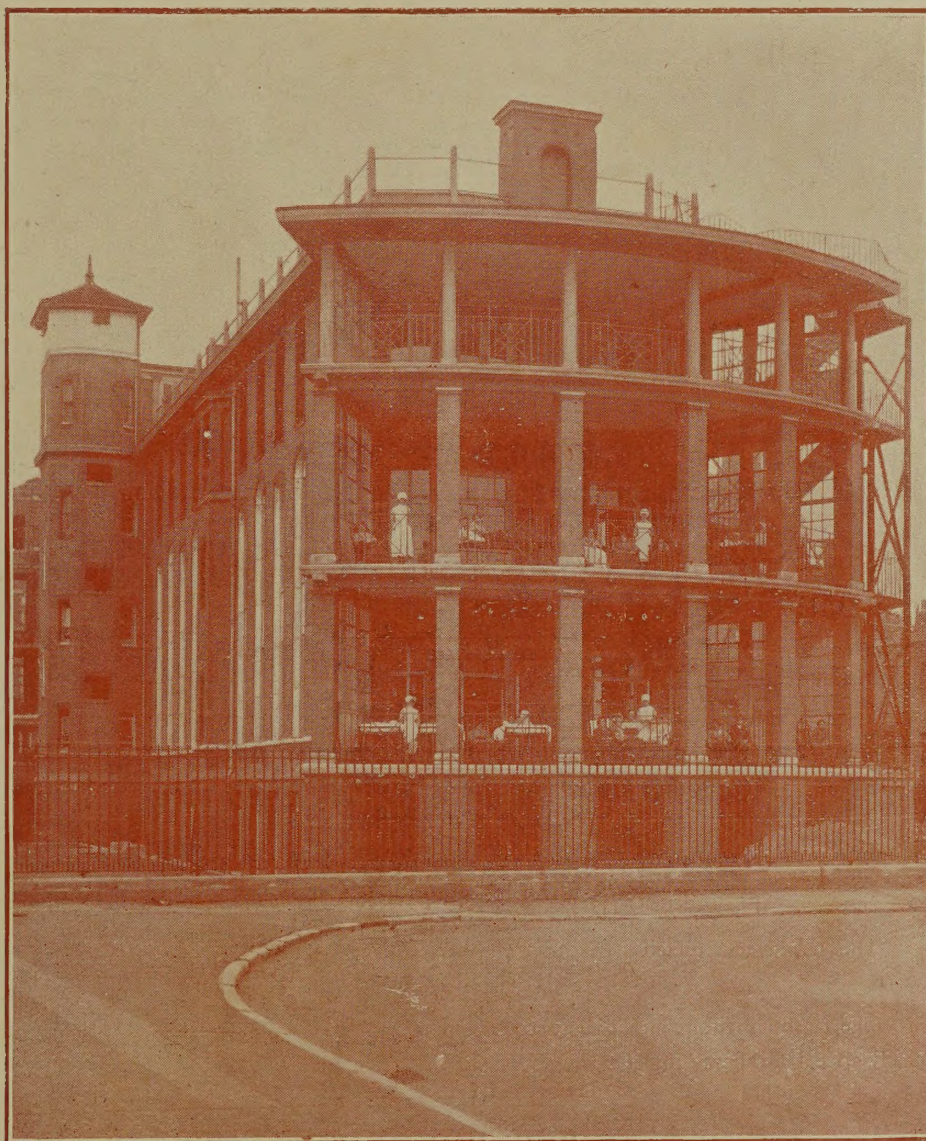
WALTER H. GREEN, J.P., Mayor.  
ARTHUR PURKISS, Town Clerk.  
THOS. E. CHARLES, Hon. Treasurer.



After having inspected the new kitchens and the nurses' dining room and class room, Her Royal Highness will proceed to the new Nurses' Home where she will partake of tea and where the Members of the Board of Management and the Members of the Honorary Medical and Surgical Staff will be presented to Her Royal Highness.

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Her Royal Highness will leave the Hospital from the Nurses' Home which is in Catherine Grove.



The Sun Balconies of the New Ward Block.





### THE CHILDREN'S WARD.

Specially constructed with glass partitions so that in the event of an outbreak of infectious disease the area of infection may be limited.

The Wards in the Hospital are:—

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| New Wing         | .. .. | "Morris"     |
|                  |       | "Shepherd"   |
|                  |       | "Children's" |
| Buckwell Wing    | .. .. | "Annie Zunz" |
| (opened in 1912) |       | "Norfolk"    |
|                  |       | "Restell"    |
| Circular Wing    | .. .. | "John Penn"  |
| (opened in 1884) |       | "Beatrice"   |

The newly constructed Operating Theatres are on the top floor of the Buckwell Wing.

The Hospital will now cost about £36,000 a year to maintain, and the Board of Management earnestly appeal for new Annual Subscribers and Donors.

¶ The postal address of the Hospital is Greenwich Road, Greenwich, S.E.10.